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DRY PEA PRODUCTION IN 1966 DOWN IN SPECIFIED COUNTRIES

Dry pea production in 19 reporting countries in 1966 is estimated at 31 million cwt., 1.7 million cwt. below last year and 4.3 million below the 1960-64 average. Data for Communist China and the USSR are not available but each produces more dry peas than the 19 reporting countries combined.

Production in India is estimated at 19,700 thousand cwt., about one million cwt. less than the 1965 production and 2.8 million less than the 1960-64 average. Though India's production is sizeable, it is consumed domestically and therefore is not as important to the trade situation as are the other reporting countries.

The United States and the Netherlands are the principal exporters of dry peas. The United Kingdom, EEC countries and several Latin American countries are the major importers.

The United States dry pea production in 1966 was 3,721 thousand cwt. This was 9 percent below last year's 4,076 thousand cwt., and 14 percent below the 1960-64 average of 4,335 thousand cwt. The production of Alaska peas amounted to 1,988 thousand cwt. - 15 percent less than both a year ago and the 1960-64 average. The production of Canada peas at 724 thousand cwt. was up 3 percent from 1965, but approximately a third less than the 1960-64 average. Other kinds, principally wrinkled peas for seed totaled 1,009 thousand cwt., down 3 percent from 1965 but 7 percent above the 1960-64 average.

Production in the Netherlands in 1966 is estimated at 843,000 cwt., 14 percent below last year and 49 percent below the 1960-64 average. This continues a downward trend from approximately 2.8 million cwt. in the early 1950's. The Netherlands reports a decline of pea consumption also, especially of Dunn and grey peas.

During the eighteen months ending June 30, 1966, nearly 10 million cwt. of peas were imported by the Netherlands from the USSR and 310,000 cwt. from Rumania. These imports were valued at approximately \$3.50 per cwt. and were used by Dutch feed compounders in substitution for more expensive protein meals. The use of peas by feed manufacturers increased from nearly 450,00 cwt. in the early 1960's to approximately 8 million cwt. in 1965-66, due to an abundance of low quality, low priced peas. Dutch imports of peas for feed are projected much lower for 1966-67. The USSR reports an excellent quality crop for 1966, most of which is being kept at home for human consumption.

The 1966 reduction of domestic food pea production will reduce Dutch pea exports in 1966-67. The prospect is for 500,000 cwt. or less. Dutch exports ran to almost 2 million cwt. a year in the early 1960's, exceeding U.S. exports. Currently U.S. dry pea exports are four times larger than Dutch exports.

Production in the U.K. is estimated at 986,000 cwt. for 1966, 5 percent below a year ago and 27 percent below the 1960-64 average. While a long downward trend in the U. K. seems to be arrested or possibly reversed, the current output is much below the 2.8 million cwt. reported in the early 1950's. The U. K. is turning to the production of fodder peas and is importing dry peas for canning. The canning of dry peas, principally U.S. Alaskas, went up 6 percent in the U. K. in the first half of 1966 to 750 thousand cwt. (dry weight equivalent) compared with 708 thousand cwt. during the first half of 1965. In 1965 a total of 1,161 thousand cwt. (dry weight) of dry peas were canned.

PEAS, DRY EDIBLE: Acreage, yield and production in specified countries, average 1960-64, annual 1965 and 1966

Continent and country	Acreage		Yield per acre			Production			
	Average 1960-64	1965	1966 1/2	Average 1960-64	1965	1966	Average 1960-64	1965	1966 1/2
	acres	acres	acres	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
North America:									
Canada	60	55	59	1,122	1,350	1,182	678	746	702
United States	318	223	239	1,364	1,828	1,557	4,335	4,076	3,721
Total	378	278	298	1,326	1,735	1,484	5,013	4,822	4,423
South America:									
Argentina	47	49	49	1,046	1,561	1,482	496	771	727
Chile	40	38	30	502	533	653	199	203	198
Colombia	111	111	116	493	515	522	546	573	606
Venezuela	9	7	12	455	460	462	40	33	53
Total	207	205	207	619	771	765	1,281	1,580	1,584
Europe:									
Belgium-Luxembourg ..	17	16	15	2,976	2,730	2,543	506	431	379
France	27	16	27	1,933	2,038	1,950	517	326	518
Germany, West	11	5	5	1,849	2,118	2,118	211	97	97
Italy	33	23	22	690	791	832	225	182	183
Netherlands	56	40	35	3,243	2,448	2,409	1,829	979	843
Spain	76	72	67	689	521	658	525	375	441
Sweden	21	17	13	1,173	1,249	1,346	252	216	173
United Kingdom	33	34	35	2,446	3,028	2,817	797	1,033	966
Yugoslavia	27	31	32	892	765	1,030	245	238	331
Total	301	254	251	1,696	1,526	1,574	5,107	3,877	3,951
Asia:									
India	3,028	2,799	2,660	742	741	741	22,466	20,732	19,700
Japan	31	20	17	1,037	990	1,053	318	198	179
Turkey	7	12	12	946	1,071	1,160	66	132	143
Total	3,066	2,831	2,689	745	744	744	22,850	21,062	20,022
Africa:									
Morocco	149	168	140	489	596	469	727	1,001	658
Grand Total	4,101	3,736	3,585	853	866	855	34,978	32,342	30,638

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